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PASS TO HARRY E. BERGOLD, JR.

E.O. 11652: - TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: NEP STATUS

1. THE WHITE HOUSE CONTINUES NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK OVER NATURAL GAS PRICING. TALKS BETWEEN THE CONFEREES, SCHLESINGER, AND THE PRESIDENT, ON AN INTERMITTENT BASIS, CONTINUED YESTERDAY (APRIL 12) AND THIS MORNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESOLUTION AND THE CONFEREES HAVE REASSEMBLED AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 13). A MAJOR INITIATIVE WAS TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT YESTERDAY WHEN HE CALLED ON THE HOUSE REPUBLICANS TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT.

2. CARTER MET SEPARATELY YESTERDAY (APRIL 12) WITH THE EIGHT HOUSE REPUBLICANS CONFEREES WHO HAD BEEN SHUT OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS ON THE HILL. CARTER LEFT THE DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. THE REPUBLICAN

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HOUSE CONFEREES MAY HOLD THE KEY VOTES TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK ESPECIALLY IF DINGELL AND HOUSE LIBERALS OPPOSE THE COMPROMISE.

3. LEADING CONFEREES HAVE PRAISED CARTER'S INTERVENTION, NOTING IT IMPROVED CHANCES FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES. FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SESSION, SENATOR JACKSON SAID

"WE'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS. I'M MORE ENCOURAGED THAN I

WAS YESTERDAY." THE PRESIDENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE
WOULD ACCEPT ANY COMPROMISE THAT COMES OUT OF THE
MEETINGS WITH THE CONFEREES.

4. SCHLESINGER HAS PRESENTED POSSIBLE COMPROMISES THAT
SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SENATE AND HOUSE
VERSIONS OF THE BILL. HE PROPOSED THAT PRICE
REGULATION END APRIL 30, 1985, RATHER THAN EITHER THE
JANUARY 1, 1985, OR MID-1985 DATES IN THE TWO VERSIONS.
HIS COMPROMISE ON INCREMENTAL PRICING IS IN LINE WITH
THE SENATE FORMULA BUT IT ALSO MEETS DINGELL'S CONCERNS.
DINGELL FEARS THE SENATE WILL KILL INCREMENTAL PRICING
UNDER A REVIEW PROCEDURE INCLUDED IN THE SENATE BILL.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE CRUDE OIL EQUALIZATION TAX IS
REPORTEDLY POSTPONED UNTIL RESOLUTION OF THE NATURAL
GAS ISSUE. WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE OF STATUS OF WHITE
HOUSE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CONFEREES, BUT THERE IS NO
INDICATION WHEN THEY WILL CONCLUDE. CHRISTOPHER

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